## Remarks

Original claims 1-20 are pending in the application. Please cancel original claims 1-20 and introduce new claims 21-40 as indicated above. Applicant submits support for this amendment exists in the application as originally filed and respectfully submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance.

If, in the Examiner's opinion, a telephonic interview would expedite the favorable prosecution of the present application, the undersigned attorney would welcome the opportunity to discuss any outstanding issues, and to work with the Examiner toward placing the application in condition for allowance.

Applicants believe that no additional fees are necessitated by the present Amendment. However, in the event that any additional fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-1721.

Respectfully submitted,

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